

Editorial

KNOW YOUR VETERAN

CAPTAIN L. R. ROBINSON, USA
Horace A. Baxley, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Baxley of Chippewa Street in Lumberton, was wearing a discharge button the other day when I passed him on the street.

Discharge buttons are fascinating gadgets to me and when I see one in some fellow's lapel I always stop him and ask: "Where did you serve, buddy?"

Well, this day when I stopped this veteran, he anticipated all of my questions and gave me the following information about himself:

"I was drafted on December 16, 1944, and sent to Camp Croft, S. C., but I was there only one week when they shipped me to Fort Bragg for basic training with the Field Artillery. I volunteered to go to Radio School and was selected to attend an advanced Radio School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. While I was there they sent me to Motor School too — so I learned quite a lot.

I really enjoyed working with radios — it was very interesting but we certainly had to keep plugging to get our messages through. Sure, I was in combat, but let's not talk about that.

Right now, I am trying to make up my mind what to do — I like radio very much and I like mechanics — the army taught me a lot about them — but for the life of me I don't know which one to choose."

And then the ex-corporal continued his way down the street, his mind busy trying to choose his life's work.

"The Lost Colony" Produced Friday

Members of the grammar and primary grades, students of Fairmont High School and a number of visitors attended the simplified version of "The Lost Colony" presented by the combined fifth grade on Friday afternoon.

The 75 members of the combined class became interested in "The Lost Colony" after hearing about Manteo production and studying historical fact in their text books.

They worked very hard constructing scenery and perfecting their own version of the famous pageant and deserve a lot of praise for the fine production they presented.

Mrs. Shockett and Mrs. Ayers directed the play and Miss Burton was in charge of the music.

Beta Club Clears \$69.00 On Plays

The Beta Club of Fairmont High school, sponsors of two 1-act plays "Twelve Old Maids" and "Roundup of Minnie," at the school auditorium last Wednesday morning cleared \$69.00 on the program. Admission price to the plays was 15c and a large number of people turned out for the Beta Club Production.

Proceeds realized from the performance will go into the treasury to be used for a double cause: a gift to the school and to defray expenses for the annual birthday banquet.

Mrs. Edward B. Wells of the school faculty directed both plays. Cast of "Roundup of Minnie" included Pat Pittman, Albert Fisher, Billy Mitchell, Bobby Weinstein, Zelma Grantham and Janice McKenzie.

The following people were seen in "Twelve Old Maids": Artie Grantham, Dot Floyd, Sara Turner, Janice McKenzie, Sara Leggett, Sara Hedgpath, Docia Willoughby, Kathryn Oliver, Grace Jensen, Millicent Simon, Dixie Ivey, Zelma Grantham, Joanne Page, Dixie Lee Fisher, Tom Butterworth and Ima Joyce Higgins.

The majority of the farm homes in North Carolina with electric service are improperly wired, according to agricultural engineers at State college.

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Meeting Of Standing Committees Maxton Clean-Up Campaign Held Town Offices On Monday Evening

Town Divided Into Five Equal Areas

The standing committees of the Clean-Up campaign in Maxton representing the white sections of town, had a meeting in the town offices on Monday night, November 25, at seven thirty o'clock.

The following representatives attended: Rev. T. L. Fraser, Rev. F. L. Young, Rev. C. J. Andrews, W. D. Kiser, Miss Lillian Austin, John Pace, Mrs. L. D. Rice, Mrs. F. C. Frostick, Mrs. John Pace, J. C. Daniel, R. P. Edwards, Mrs. R. M. Williams.

Using the Seaboard Railway as a dividing line, areas to be supervised by the above committee members were divided into five sections. Section one is the area between the highway leading to Red Springs and the dirt road leading to Red Springs and Mrs. L. D. Rice is chairman of the district. Section two is the area adjoining section one and leading toward Lumberton and will be under the chairmanship of Mrs. F. C. Frostick. Section five is that area from the Red Springs highway toward Laurinburg on the Presbyterian Church side of the railroad tracks and a chairman for that district has not yet been appointed.

Section three includes the area on the bank side of the tracks extending in the direction of Lumberton and Rev. C. J. Andrews is chairman for that district. Section four is the area toward Laurinburg and is divided from section three by the main street of Maxton. Rev. F. L. Young is chairman for this district.

It was suggested at the meeting that area chairmen organize sub-committees at once, that they note things to be done to further the campaign, that the actual work does start on December 2, that posters describing in detail the town cleanliness ordinances be distributed and that lots are checked to see if any burning will be needed.

Regular meetings of the Clean-Up committee will be held the first Friday in each month at the town offices at seven thirty o'clock.

Fairmont Girl Will Represent Robeson County In Good Health Oratory Contest In Red Springs

Dorothy Floyd One Of Two Winners Chosen

Miss Dorothy Floyd of Fairmont, competing against Miss Ellen Jenn Wicker of Lumberton, was elected as one of the winners to represent Robeson County in the statewide oratorical contest, "North Carolina's Number One Need-Good Health."

Four contestants competed at Lumberton High School building Tuesday night, November 26, and Miss Floyd and Luther J. Britt of Lumberton were chosen the winners. Runners up were Miss Ellen Wicker of Lumberton and Dale Davis of Philadelphia.

The oratorical contest is being sponsored by the North Carolina Good Health Association and four \$500 college scholarships will be awarded to the winning orators. Another round of eliminations are scheduled for December 6 and on that date Miss Floyd and Mr. Britt will go to Red Springs to compete in the semi-finals. Asheville, Greensboro and Greenville will also be hosts to district contests. Winners will be declared at each of the four locations and on January 10, 1947 four finalist speakers will be selected in the West and four in the East. Representatives of the Eastern section of the state will meet at Greensboro. The location for the grand finals has not yet been decided.

The number of Fairmont school students that originally entered the oratorical contest was 65. Competition narrowed this group down to six: Dorothy Floyd, Joanne Page, Nelda Grantham, Kathryn Oliver, Jack Britt and Leo Bullock of this group two, Miss Floyd and Miss Page, were chosen to go to Lumberton but Miss Floyd was the only Fairmont representative speaking there on Tuesday night. Judges at the oratorical contest in Lumberton included Dr. J. Glenn Blackburn, Mrs. H. A. Oliver and J. C. Hutto. Master of ceremonies was I. B. Hudson, Jr., of the Lumberton Student Council.

New Officers Take Office Monday

Several new county officers will be sworn in Monday at noon when the terms of present office holders expire.

First on the list of new incumbents will be Willis Britt, who becomes sheriff to succeed Clyde Wade. Sheriff-elect Britt has named the following to places on his staff of deputies: R. C. Cox, to be jailer to succeed Pete Chason, Ralph Freeman I. P. Britt, and Walter Ward to serve in Lumberton; Bill Lewis and Willard Pittman, Fairmont; Grady Jackson, Rowland; Lacy Prevatte, Red Springs; Ralph Purcell, Maxton; D. J. Jones, Pembroke; J. J. Kinlaw, St. Pauls; and Paul McMillan, Parkton.

In the Lumberton recorders court Robert Floyd steps down and W. B. Ivey will be installed as judge; and L. J. Huntley will be succeeded by I. M. Biggs.

At St. Pauls A. B. Johnson becomes recorder to succeed Clayton Ross and to the board of County Commissioners, from district 3, comes J. Talmadge Graham to succeed R. B. Tolar.

PJC Dramatic Club Presents First Production

The Dramatic Club of PJC presented a two act play "A Crazy Wedding and A Cuckoo Court" at the college auditorium Tuesday night as their first production of the season. Robert B. Gray, formerly associated with Lumberton Players, directed the play.

Cast for the two act production included: C. C. Caldwell, A. E. McRae, D. J. Winters, L. C. Brinson, B. J. Edwards, C. Beam, W. W. Coppedge, T. Maston, May E. Manesse, B. C. Burns, W. Taylor, C. Thomas, A. B. Leckie, Howard Reed, H. McClintock.

E. C. Burns acted as business manager, T. L. Maston was stage manager and M. E. Manesse took care of the costumes.

This first production was largely an experiment and the play was not highly publicized. However, a good crowd turned out to laugh at the antics of Pastor Rice, played by Coppedge; Judge Howard Reed and Clerk of Court H. McClintock. "A Crazy Wedding and A Cuckoo Court" was a creditable performance and good enough to indicate that the Dramatic Club shows definite promise for future productions.

Lt. Dorn Pittman Assigned To Army Medical Center

Lt. Dorn C. Pittman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pittman of Fairmont, has reported for active duty at the Brooke Army Medical center at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. It is here that the army has concentrated its medical training program and is now the largest and most completely military medical installation of its kind in the world.

Jimmy Byrnes Returns Home From Hospital

Jimmy Byrnes, who has been a patient in Charlotte Memorial hospital for some time, arrived in Fairmont Wednesday. Jimmy, who suffered a badly fractured leg in a recent fall, was brought from Charlotte in an ambulance.

At present his leg and hip are enclosed in a plaster cast and it may be some time before he will be able to walk again although the break is healing satisfactorily. Jimmy was associated with the Capitol Theatre this summer in Fairmont and the many patrons of the theatre have missed his cheery smile and "ticket please" since his recent accident.

Although his injured leg will keep him out of school for approximately three months, Jimmy is planning to study at home and keep up with the rest of the members of his grade.

TOBACCO HOLIDAY

Tobacco markets of all belts now operating in North Carolina have been closed down, it was stated today, and would probably be closed until after Christmas unless the coal strike is settled.

'Expendable' Kiss



KISSING his Australian fiancée, Norman Dale, on her arrival at San Francisco is Lt. John Blago, USN, a member of Comdr. John Bulkeley's famous "They were expendable" PT-Boat squadron. Parted since 1943 when he was in Australia, the couple will wed in the chapel of the U.S. Navy Hospital, in San Francisco. (International)

Giving Away Passes To Theatres Easy For Army Recruiters

Army recruiters, working in Red Springs and Lumberton found it pretty easy to give away passes to the Riverside Theatre of Lumberton, this week. Stopping people on the street, they queried them on the news content of a story run in the Hometown News-papers last week concerning army activities. Those who had read the story were up quickly with the right answers and won a pass to a show. In Red Springs the winners were: Alton McNeill, Miss Eupha Baker, Miss Myrtle McMillan, Mrs. Ruby Ray, and Chief Norman McRaney of the police department. Sgt. Mauldin stopped the six people, and got six correct answers for a perfect quiz day.

In Lumberton, Sgt. Hayne L. Koon had to quiz ten folks before he found five who could answer the questions correctly. Those in Lumberton getting the Annie Oakleys were: L. G. Dya, Miss Margaret M. Wilkerson, James Prevatte, Miss Lela Britt and Harold C. Keith.

Next week's quiz will be on the army's new announcement concerning the expansion of the commissioned officer ranks, which follows: The army is seeking candidates for 25,000 regular Army commissions in the greatest peace time expansion of its officer corps in history. New applications for commissions must be filed before December 31, 1946. Candidates will be screened at Fort Bragg, N. C. New appointments will be announced early in January. Application blanks may be secured at Fort Bragg, or from any regular army recruiter, who are in Red Springs on Monday; at USO in Lumberton on Wednesdays; and Thursdays and at Fairmont and St. Pauls on Wednesdays.

New Directorate For Former Maxton Resident

T. Lynwood Smith, who in the fall of 1945 was elected to the vice-presidency, board of directors and personnel advisor of Adams Mills Corporation of High Point, has recently been elected to the board of directors of Highland Cotton Mills, which is engaged in spinning fine cotton yarns. Adams Mills is one of the largest seamless and full fashioned hosiery mills in the South.

Mr. Smith is also associated with Cloverdale Dye Works, which dyes cotton yarns for knitting, and is general counsellor for each of eleven corporations located at High Point, Kernersville and Tryon in which more than 2500 people are employed.

Mr. Smith is the son of Mrs. T. Leak Smith of Maxton and has many friends in this section.

About two-thirds of the poultry diseases in North Carolina trace their beginning to poor care and management of the flock, says Prof. Roy Dearstyne of State college.

Two Men Shoot Each Other To Death Tuesday

Henderson Hunt, 56, and Luther H. Lowry, 47, both Indians of the Back Swamp section, are dead following a gun battle at Hunt's store and service station near the Lumberton Airport about 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening.

Lowry, it is reported, was wrought up over the death of his grandson, Junior Graham, following an explosion of a can containing kerosene believed to have been mixed with gasoline, and which was bought at the Hunt station. The Graham child and his mother, the daughter of Lowry and wife of Worth Graham, were both badly burned when the can exploded after some of the oil had been used to make a fire. Lowry carried the victims to a hospital. The house and its contents are reported to have been a total loss.

Lowry went to Hunt's station a short time after dark, and approaching the doorway started shooting. Hunt returned the fire. As Lowry neared the door he fell, having been hit twice with one bullet taking effect in the head. Hunt walked from the station and fell in the yard, having been hit three times.

Coroner D. W. Biggs and officers of the sheriff's department investigated the shooting. No inquest will be held due to the fact that both participants were killed, according to the coroner. The coroner states that an analysis of the fuel oil showed that there was gasoline in the oil. And, since the explosion it is understood that employees of the company servicing the station have sought out it throughout the area about the Hunt station for any of the oil that might have been sold to people of the section.

Town Board Says No Sunday Sports In Lumberton

Sunday baseball will not be allowed in Lumberton, according to the action of the board of commissioners at a special meeting held Monday afternoon and evening, when after hearing promoters of the sport asking a change in the town's ordinance, and ministers and church leaders opposing any change in the law, the commission ordered that no change be made in the ordinance without due notice of a public hearing.

It was stated at the hearing that a league club, the Chicago Cubs, was interested in establishing a farm club here, and that the Cubs would not require Sunday baseball to establish the farm. Particularly if night baseball were possible, and if the action of the board would not eliminate Lumberton from its chances to have professional baseball in 1947.

Red Springs Rotary Hears Mrs. Brown In Talk On Better Pay For Teachers

Mrs. Douglas Brown, member of the faculty of the Red Springs schools, was the principal speaker at the Red Springs Rotary club Friday when "Schools" was the program subject.

The program was presented by Reid Grantham, who first introduced Supt. W. R. Dudley, who presented briefly some statistical facts which showed that North Carolina ranked 6th from the bottom in dollars per pupil spent for public instruction. A. C. Stephenson, former teacher and now a businessman of Red Springs, told briefly why he had had to leave the teaching profession and pointed out that the average service station employee received better pay than teachers, citing an advertisement from a newspaper where a service station in Charlotte was offering bigger pay to "car-washers" than a teacher with an "A" certificate received.

After Mrs. Brown's talk there was a general discussion, with the club approving a salary increase for teachers commensurate with present-day living costs. Mrs. Brown's talk follows:

"Education makes a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive; easy to govern, but impossible to enslave."

I realize that you have read, heard, and discussed, perhaps, underprivileged individual, and no doubt you have become bored with the subject. Nevertheless, the problem is still before us, and you and it is not the same but becomes more serious and alarming as each day passes, as is evidenced by the fact that Charlotte, one of the best supplementing school units in the state, is losing teachers at the average rate of one a week. Too, at the present time, class rooms in our state are vacant, and—persons without any teacher preparation and only a

Four Soloists For "Messiah" Secured By Red Springs Choral Society; Will Present Oratorio December 13 At FMC



H. R. Knickerbocker, foreign correspondent and lecturer, who will be presented at Flora MacDonald college on Monday evening, December 2, as the second lecture series.

Miss Townsend Attends School Meet Saturday

Miss Marguerite Townsend represented the Maxton Graded School at the regional meeting of the Association for Childhood Education held at Flora MacDonald College on Saturday, November 23.

The program at the meeting included such topics as "The Pivotal Points of A. C. E. and Its Services to Teachers," "Current Reading Problems of the Elementary School," "Mental Hygiene of the Elementary School Child," and other phases of child developments. Outstanding leaders in each of these fields led the discussions. The meeting began at 10:30 A. M. and closed at 3:15 P. M.

Lunch was served in the college dining hall at one o'clock after which the teachers resumed their discussions of child problems.

Mary M. Conoly, Head of the Department of Education at Flora MacDonald College and Annie M. Cherry, Professor of Education, were leaders of the A.C.E. Regional Conference program.

Large Air-Lines Investigating Army Flying Field

Keen interest in the advantages of the Army Air Field, close to Maxton, for both passenger and freight transportation was expressed by high officials of the large aviation companies in letters received this week by the Maxton Chamber of Commerce in reply to communications sent by the Secretary.

Not only the air lines engaged in north and south traffic, but especially those occupied with the growing east and west transportation of passengers, freight and mail, business, expressed interest in the superior facilities existing at this field, provided ground transportation can be arranged, which is assured.

Details concerning this field and its advantages have also been presented to the Civil Aeronautics Board, Washington members of which have the final word in determining those fields which shall enjoy permanent and regular air service.

Rotary Hears W. G. Coxhead

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Mr. Coxhead was formerly associated with the YMCA in Petersburg, Fla., and recently came to Robeson county to supervise the campaign for funds to aid PJC in meeting endowment demands of the Southern Association of colleges.

Mr. Coxhead once lived in Port Rico, and chose "Porto Rico" as his topic at the Rotary meeting. He brought a very interesting and informative discussion of that country to Rotary members.

Chorus Of Hundred Voices Under Baton Of Robert Reuter

Soloists for the production of the Handel oratorio, "The Messiah," were announced this week by R. D. McMillan, Jr., president of the Civic Choral Society, of Red Springs, which will present the Handelian work on Friday, December 13, in the auditorium of Flora MacDonald college.

Mr. McMillan states that Clara Bailey Robeson, soprano, for the past five years professor of voice of the college and now of Rockingham; Frances Lehner, contralto of New York; Robert Topping, tenor, formerly of Fayetteville and now of Pittsburgh, and Maury Pearson, bass, of Spartanburg, have been secured to sing the solo parts of the great religious choral work. These will be supported by a chorus of singers from Red Springs, Maxton, Rowland, and surrounding areas, and from the student bodies of Presbyterian Junior and Flora MacDonald colleges.

Accompanists for the performance will be Martha McLean of Red Springs, pianist, and Ruth Topping of Pittsburgh, organist. The production will be under the direction of Robert Reuter, dean of the school of music at FMC, who has directed the work in a number of performances by choral groups in Pittsburgh and Chicago.

The Civic Choral Society was formed two months ago, "The Messiah" was selected for study and plans for its presentation during the Christmas season were immediately adopted. Rehearsals have been in progress since and a number of the fine choruses have been selected for the first public performance of the group.

Mr. McMillan also explained that while the performance was originally scheduled for the high school auditorium, due to impossibility to secure an organ for use there, the executive committee approved transfer to the auditorium of the college the use of which was offered by the Society by college officials.

Ticket sale is now in progress and tickets may be secured from George Ashford or Mrs. Warren McNeill of Red Springs, or from any member of the chorus. Adult admission will be \$1.20, and child's admission 60c, including tax.

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